

**Governor's Family Violence Council**  
**Staffed by the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention**  
**Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention**  
**100 Community Place, 3rd Floor**  
**Crownsville, MD 21032**  
**Wednesday, July 11, 2018**  
**10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Participating Members:**

Dorothy Lennig, Esq., Vice-Chair  
Lillian Agbeyegbe  
Kelly Burrell, Esq.  
Kara Contino for Senator Bryan Simonaire  
Debbie Feinstein, Esq.  
Lisae Jordan, Esq. for Delegate Kriselda Valderrama  
Michael Lore for Senator Susan Lee  
John McGinnis for Superintendent Karen B. Salmon  
V. Renee McKee for Secretary Lourdes Padilla  
Lisa Nitsch  
Kathleen O'Brien  
Manuel Ruiz  
David Shultie  
Neshanna Turner  
Jessica Wheeler for Glenn Fueston, Jr.  
Jaclin Warner Wiggins  
Carrie Williams for Attorney General Brian E. Frosh

**Guests:**

Amber Guthrie, Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence  
Darren Mitchell, Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence

**Staff:**

Rebecca Allyn, Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention  
Lashonde Beasley, Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention  
Cameron Edsall, Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention  
Madison Haugh, Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention  
Kelly Gorman, Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention  
Kim Herndon, Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention  
Quentin Jones, Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention

**I. Welcome & Introductions**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:07 a.m. Members and guests introduced themselves.

## **II. GOCCP Updates**

Ms. Wheeler informed Council members that the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Notice of Funding Availabilities (NOFAs) will be posted within the next two weeks. There is a new fund, Pretrial Services Program Grant (PSPG), to assist counties in the development, implementation and improvement of pretrial services programs that reduce the size and cost of pretrial detention populations, reduce recidivism and improve public safety outcomes, especially the safety of victims and witnesses. Grant applications for this fund are due by 7/27/18. The Maryland Domestic Violence Program applications are due by 7/20/18. This grant fund supports temporary shelter environments and supportive services available to local comprehensive domestic violence service programs to meet the needs of domestic violence victims and their families.

The Office is continuing to implement the Handle with Care program statewide. The Office is hosting two Handle with Care trainings on July 30. This promising initiative connects law enforcement, schools and treatment providers to mitigate the negative effects experienced by children's exposure to trauma. Kelly Gorman is the State's Handle with Care Coordinator.

## **III. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the May 2, 2018 meeting were provided to members and guests. Mr. Shultie made a motion to approve the minutes; Ms. Agbeyegbe seconded the motion. All members were in favor and the minutes were approved.

## **IV. Membership Updates**

Ms. Allyn informed members that there are two vacancies on the Council and interviews for these positions will be conducted next week.

## **V. MNADV Domestic Violence Shelter Standards**

Ms. Guthrie from the Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence (MNADV) presented to members on the Domestic Violence Program Standards developed by the MNADV and domestic violence programs. Members received a copy of the 2016 updated standards. Ms. Guthrie emphasized that this is still a working document and can be adjusted to reflect best practices.

Members are interested in working with the MNADV on the practices and standards regarding mental health referrals and evaluations for domestic violence shelters.

## **VI. Abuse Intervention Programs**

Ms. Allyn informed members that 12 applications were received for the 2018 Abuse Intervention Program Certification. Members of the Council reviewed the applications and 10 programs were recommended for recertification.

One of the programs that was denied certification requested a reconsideration and members agreed that the program would not receive a reconsideration. Ms. Allyn will provide the program with technical assistance prior to next year's application process.

## **VII. Workgroup Updates**

### **a. *Healthy Teen Dating***

The focus of the workgroup is to continue to spread the word about the guide. Ms. Feinstein informed members that the *Healthy Teen Dating: A Guide for Educators and Youth Service Professionals* has been distributed to the Maryland Coalition Against Domestic Violence, the Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence, the Maryland State Department of Education, and the Maryland State's Attorney's Association. The workgroup has gathered contact information for local Department of Parks and Recreation, school pupil administrators, parent teacher associations, and church organizations and will begin to reach out to them with information on the guide.

Ms. Feinstein will be presenting on healthy teen dating and the resource guide at the Domestic Violence Interfaith Conference in October. A graduate student at the University of Maryland has reached out about working on a project for the guide and members will review the project proposal.

### **b. *Strategic Planning***

Ms. Allyn provided *The 2016 Biennial Report: The 2016 Biennial Report to Congress on the Effectiveness of Grant Programs under the Violence Against Women Act, Examining the Evidence: How Domestic Violence Programs Promote Survivors' Social and Emotional Well Being, Civil Protection Orders and Subsequent Intimate Partner Violence and Inquiry, The Kentucky Civil Protective Order Study: A Rural and Urban Multiple Perspectives Study of Protective Order Violation Consequences, Responses and Costs* to members electronically prior to the meeting. These reports have been added to the FVC's Strategic Plan to demonstrate the success of programs by aligning with best practices and evidence based programs. The updated plan also includes three logic models that were developed by the workgroup for law enforcement, state's attorney's offices, and immigrant/non-English speaking victims. Members were in favor and the plan was adopted with the revisions.

## **VIII. 2018-2019 Workgroup Topics**

Members discussed new workgroup topics for FY 2019, including: Domestic Violence Programs Information and Exchange, Fingerprinting, and Reviewing & Revising the AIP Review Form. Members discussed the proposed agenda for each workgroup. Members suggested to put the Domestic Violence Programs Information and Exchange Workgroup on hold for now as this is the role of the MNADV.

Members voted to adopt the Fingerprinting Workgroup and AIP Review Form Workgroup. The Fingerprinting Workgroup will continue to study live scan fingerprinting to ensure arrests are linked to disposition outcomes. Mrs. Lennig offered to chair this workgroup. The AIP Review Form Workgroup will work to revise the AIP review form to ensure that questions and sections of the form are weighted properly and points are allocated with objectivity. Mr. Ruiz and Ms. Agbeyegbe offered to co-chair this workgroup.

Members were reminded they are required to participate in at least one workgroup.

**IX. Old/New Business**

Mr. Lore explained that the stalking laws were expanded but the number of convictions seemed low. Mr. Lore also discussed a recent news article regarding the emerging issue of technology and stalking. Mr. Lore, Ms. Williams, Ms. Burrell and Ms. Feinstein will work on a presentation on the stalking laws and technology for the next meeting.

**X. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:00 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:**

Wednesday, October 18, 2018 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention  
Main Conference Room, 1st Floor - Side B  
100 Community Place  
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